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## Foundation of a healthy life

"READING THROUGH the Weekend Courier recently," writes Jim Anderson of Arbroath, "I was interested in the article on seaweed and especially the mention of dulse."

"It brought back memories of my childhood days when my granny would buy dulse from the fish shop in Barn-green in Arbroath - Swanny's - and I enjoyed it on a regular basis."

"I often wonder if eating food of that nature laid the foundation of a healthy life. You never see such things nowadays and I doubt if the younger generation would even know what dulse is if you mentioned it to them."

## Another High School FP

"IT WAS fascinating to read about the achievements of the Dundee High School prize winners shown in Enid Gaudie's striking photograph," writes Neil Craven.

"In the list of pupils is the name of Dick Strachan, who is standing in the middle of the second row, and who would have been about 18 at the time. I came to know him over a period of 25 years when we were next-door neighbours in Carnoustie."

"As a boy he had been a first-class golfer, winning the junior championship in Angus, a frequent winner of the competitions of the Carnoustie Golf Club, and he won the Pirie Cup at DHS. Before volunteering for the RAF in June 1940 Dick was with a chartered accountancy firm in Dundee."

"He served with 105 Squadron, one of the first to use the wooden, two-man crew, multi-role De Havilland Mosquito. As an observer/navigator he took part in many operations over Europe, being awarded a DFC in the spring of 1944 and a Bar to that decoration almost a year later."

"After the war Dick worked abroad for some years, returning to Carnoustie with his wife in the mid 1960s, when he took up a financial post with



On Thursday, we carried a photograph of the prison officers at Peterhead Prison - soon to be rebuilt. Isobel Turner, who supplied the picture, said that she couldn't pick out her Uncle Duncan, but she also supplied a separate picture of him - and here he is!

the University of Dundee. He died in 1999 aged 81."

## Canopies for shelter

EDWARD VALENTINE, of Marykirk, has been in touch. "I wonder if anyone looking at the photograph of the old Claypotts area of Dundee spotted the workmen's canopy," he writes. "There is even someone inside having his 'piece' and a piece bag or jacket hanging outside!"

"These canopies were common at roadworks. They were simple frames, covered with canvas with wooden benches inside for the workers to sit on."

"The road squad would arrive on site, slide the canopy off the back of the lorry and the lorry would then be free to carry out other duties."

"At the end of the day, the canopy was loaded back onto the lorry, a ladder attached to the tailgate, everyone would climb aboard and head home."



A picture of Angus Motors in Dundee. Our readers says: "I bought my first motor bike here when it was MacLeans in 1952 (BSA Bantam)."

## Dairy or a toll-house - our readers' opinions

A DUNDEE reader has been in touch. "I think that your reader who says that the house pictured in last Monday's column was a dairy is mistaken," he says.

"I am certain that the dairy was the next house along, particularly as it was a proper small farm with byres and outbuildings."

"The house pictured was situated on the north-east corner of the junction of the Kingsway and Arbroath Road. I am sure that this house had been a toll-house at one time. I lived in Kemnay Place, which is nearby."

"The house in the background is the bottom house on Milton of Craigie Road and is still there today and to the left you can just see the old Bonar Long building."

"At that time, the Kingsway was just one lane."

David Craig of Carnoustie also comments: "Regarding the photograph printed in the column, I agree with John Dorward with the location of the house in the picture being near the top of Greendykes Road."

"I think this is the house which stood at the junction of Kingsway East and Arbroath Road and was demolished to allow the construction of the roundabout which now dominates this junction when this section of Kingsway East was rebuilt as a dual carriageway."

"This was possibly during the late 1950s," he says. "The left-hand gable end would have been facing Scott Fyffe's garage."

See also paragraph below on another aspect of the photograph.

## Ledlanet Nights plea

IAN FRASER, of Ceres, is looking for information about Ledlanet Nights, the arts festival held at John Calder's house in Kinross-shire in the 1960s and 1970s for a book he is writing.

Although he has put together a list of performances, it may be incomplete as he does not yet have a full set of programmes. He would like to hear from readers who can help in any way or who may have memories of performances.

He can be contacted through the website OperaScotland.

## THE ARCHIVES

### The Courier AND AROUS

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AMID A scene of unparalleled excitement, Eddie Beattie of Castlecary was last night presented with the Scottish Welter Weight Belt after Mr Palmer, the referee, had disqualified Jack Turner in the 15th round for holding and hitting. Turner took his defeat in the worst possible manner. He was repeatedly warned for rough tactics and his disqualification was well-merited. The contest is best described not as a boxing match but as a fight. The crowd broke into the ring and it was with the utmost difficulty that the officials prevented a riot.

### Courier AND Advertiser

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DUNDEE CHILDREN are from two to three inches taller than their parents were at the same age! They're a lot heavier, too. And healthier. Why? The greatly-improved standard of living in Britain and better all-round feeding and post natal care. Professor J.L. Henderson, head of the Department of Child Health, Queen's College, Dundee, says: "The infant mortality rate has fallen tremendously. It is only about one-sixth of what it was at the turn of the century. Children get a much better start in life."

### THE COURIER AND ADVERTISER

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ARMED POLICE were last night involved in a manhunt in the Mearns for a motorist believed to be carrying a gun. The red alert operation began at 7pm after an incident which took place at a farmhouse in the Laurencekirk area. It is understood that a person was injured in the incident. However, Grampian Police late last night refused to confirm or deny this, although they did describe the incident as having been serious. Exits and entrances to Laurencekirk were being patrolled by police officers searching for a car in which the man was seen driving towards Laurencekirk after the farmhouse incident.

### THE COURIER & Advertiser

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IN LIGHT of recent tragedies, which have seen a staggering 10 fatalities in just two months on Scotland's mountains, a new safety campaign has been launched. Three of the country's leading mountaineering bodies have joined forces as part of efforts to cut the death toll. Led by the Perth-based Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCoS), the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) and Scottish Mountain Safety Forum (SMSF) are warning climbers to be prepared for the dangers they could face. Avalanches have accounted for the majority of deaths this year so far.

## Dingbats

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